

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicant thanks the examiner for his acknowledgement that claims 1, 2, and 4-6 are allowable as rewritten to overcome the §112 rejections presented in the outstanding office action.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the examiner asserts that the measuring conditions for tan δ of the coat rubber in the reinforcement layers are unclear. Accordingly, applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the coat rubber of the reinforcement layers has a tan δ of 0.15 to 0.25, measured at a temperature of 60°C, an initial strain of 10%, an amplitude of ± 2%, and a frequency of 20 Hz. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraph 0028 of the present specification. Accordingly, applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, 2, and 4-6.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicant's attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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